

Service Date: February 22, 2016

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF the Investigation of) REGULATORY DIVISION
the Montana Public Service Commission)
into whether Mountain Water Company's) DOCKET NO. D2016.2.15
rates are Just and Reasonable)

NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION

On January 29, 2016, the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) voted to initiate a proceeding to inquire into whether Mountain Water Company's (Mountain Water) current water rates for its Missoula, Montana customers are just and reasonable. On January 11, 2016, the Commission received the *Joint Applicants' Notice of Closing and Withdrawal of Joint Application* (Notice) in Docket No. D2014.12.99. The Notice stated that on January 8, 2016, the sale and transfer of Western Water stock to Liberty WWH closed, with Liberty WWH merging into Western Water and Western Water continuing as the wholly-owned subsidiary of Liberty Utilities. The Commission's proceedings at that time were stayed by the Missoula District Court, so the Commission had not yet completed its review of the sale and transfer.

On February 3, 2016, the Commission issued a *Notice of Investigation and Intervention Deadline*. On February 10, 2016, the City of Missoula, the Clark Fork Coalition, and the Montana Consumer Counsel petitioned to intervene. On February 19, 2016, Mountain Water filed a *Response to City of Missoula and Clark Fork Coalition Petitions to Intervene* (Response). Intervenors may reply to Mountain Water's Response by February 26, 2015.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman
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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner
ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Notice of Staff Action issued on February 22, 2016 in D2016.2.15 was served upon the following, by mailing a true and correct copy, via first class mail, on the 22nd day of February, 2016, addressed as follows:

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